

WKNA Board Meeting

Feb. 1, 2024, 7 p.m.

At Robb's BnB

Submitted by Carolyn Homan, WKNA Secretary

Attending: Rhonda Rich, Robb Witters, Gary Blake, Carolyn Homan, Carol Phipps

Absent: Art Mauer, Carol Doerfler **Call to Order:** Rhonda called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

2022-23 Budget – Rhonda reported the same budget report: spending of \$804.84, with the Go Daddy fee to renew before March at about the same amount as last year. At that point, we should know now much funding is left for the fiscal year.

Getting the word out

Website – A goal for the year is a refresh of the content.

Subscription to city information – Rhonda will continue to add this link to every meeting agenda she sends out as a reminder that people can sign up for the city distribution list if they want.

Signs – Rhonda has delivered the 5 new signs to Art.

Brochures – Carol P. said the smaller boxes aren't waterproof and should be replaced so brochures can be protected.

Little Library – Martin Doerfler has mounted it on a new heavy metal stand in the wake of the latest accident that demolished the previous stand. He also moved it further east so it's less vulnerable to speeding drivers who miss the curve onto Rafael.

Keizer Community Library – No report from Kris.

Facebook -- Carolyn posted meeting reminder.

Keizer Chamber calendar – Carolyn posted a meeting notice. Still need to confirm the process with the Chamber.

Cummings Connection – Rhonda sent the agenda to Principal Kronser for inclusion in the Cummings newsletter.

REPORTS

Food barrels – We need to officially thank Copper Creek this year. January food totals were: BiMart 83 pounds; Copper Creek 181 pounds and \$80 cash; Keizer Fire 65 pounds

Keizer United – Carolyn attended Jan. 8 meeting and shared an email report. Keizer Police and Fire were both represented and gave updates on recent activity. One meeting focus was the rampant scam activity and how to prevent being a victim. Keizer United plans a future program on this. The meeting speaker was from Marion Co. Garbage Haulers and Recyclers. Carolyn will attend February meeting.

Cummings School

PTA – Amber Zimbleman (parent liaison) attended January meeting and gave a report at the WKNA General meeting.

School grounds -- Carol P. said she pulled the planters and will replant this spring, along with a refresh of the Reader Board planter. It may just need a general cleanup and weeding along with planting few annuals to go along with the perennials that have been planted. Since Egan's is out of business, Carol P. wondered if the PTA might provide some funding? Or perhaps we could pass the hat at a General meeting?

Parks

Willamette Manor -- Carol P. said the fence has been tagged again on the east end by 3rd St. entrance and the pool house as well. The kinnikinnick looks good and there has been no erosion on the hillside so far. Rhonda wondered if WKNA could make contact with Holiday Swim re: a joint project? Carol P. said they used to have a work day before the opening in May. We could put information in the newsletter at least. Carol will find out who the swim club president is and make contact.

Wallace House and Sunset -- Dennis said a rotting tree has been reported at the park and workers have been taking it down little by little. Sunset Park looks good.

Palma Ciea -- Gary staying on top of maintenance. Can call Robert about moving schedule. Dennis said it looks like the retaining wall along the new path to the river may be eroding a bit.

KRP Open field -- Rhonda said the open field is slated to be used for Keizer Fest. We probably can't do anything about that but she would like to try for a buffer to the neighborhood if possible.

KRP fields – Carolyn said City Manager Brown reported that they plan to some fundraising. Rep. Mannix also may be able to resubmit his funding request during the short session but no guarantees on success there.

Traffic Safety – Carolyn attended the Jan. 18 joint session with City Council. Another work session is planned. The “requirement” that any petition for a traffic issue solution garner 75% approval of those living along an affected street was discussed. Will come up again. As for “no soliciting,” we need to make a decision for future dissemination of information to neighbors. Carol P. said she believes we are trying to inform people as members of WKNA. Door hangers seem to be fairly nonintrusive. Definitely no knocking on doors if there is a no soliciting sign.

Planning Commission – The Dearborn partition/variance matter has been appealed and goes to Council. At its January meeting the commission reviewed the city’s Strategic Plan and consensus was that it lacked real benchmarks. They also reviewed Shane’s priorities for the coming year, including cleaning up code and revisiting Area D because of code changes. And they have decided to revisit an earlier decision on public hearings on items that require a variance. Another issue that will come up this year is potential change to the UGB rules that the state is considering in order to facilitate more housing. Robb said the commission is encouraging public attendance at its meetings.

St. Edward’s Community Dinner Jan. 24 – Carolyn did not attend.

WKNA Annual Report – Carolyn has distributed a draft. Get any changes in soon. The final is due to Melissa by Feb. 13 and Rhonda will present to Council Feb. 20. Board members invited to attend that meeting.

2024 Committee, board and commission assignments:

Planning – Robb Traffic Safety – Robb, Art, Carolyn
Parks – Carol and Dennis Keizer United – Carolyn, Rhonda Kris
Cummings PTA – Amber, Kris Keizer Library – Kris

2024 Goals for WKNA

1. Website update
2. Attend a Trashy Tuesday
3. Investigate Neighborhood Watch possibilities
4. National Night Out with John Knox Presbyterian?
5. Help at another Community Dinner
6. NA booth at Keizer Fest
7. Help with Eco Garden plan at Cummings (if this comes about)

Upcoming meetings

Feb. 12 – Keizer United Feb.13 – Parks Board Feb. 13 – Cummings PTA
Feb. 15 – Traffic Safety Feb. 21 – Planning Commission (note change from regular second Wednesday slot)

WKNA General Meetings 2024

February – Liberty House – Max Gutfreund/Adrienne Christian; Simonka House: Brenda Newey, Director Kathy Smith; Eric Bandonis, Marion Co. Parole/Probation Deputy

March – Shane Witham, Community Development Director

March 20 – State of the City, Joint NA meeting hosted by Northwest Keizer NA

April – Joint NA Candidate Forum hosted by WKNA.

May – Neighborhood Watch Program/Chief Copeland

Meeting adjourned: 8:30 p.m. Next Board meeting: Thursday, March 7, 7 p.m., site TBA; discuss “no soliciting” signs